(4) selective modernisation programme has been adopted for result-oriented gains; for best utilisation of limited resources;

(5) cost control methods have been introduced for reduction in cost of production at all levels;

(6) efforts are being made for reducing the non-operational administrative expenses;

(7) workers' participation scheme in the management scheme is being encouraged to achieve higher productivity.

Raids to detect tax-evaded income

1054. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tax raids conducted by Government in 1985 (upto September) in search for tax-evaded income;

(b) what is the total amount of tax-evaded income unearthed in cash and kind;

(c) the manner in which the seized concealed income has been disbursed;

(d) what are the particulars of persons belonging to the 20 largest MRTP houses whose houses and offices were raided during this period; and

(e) what is the amount of concealed income in cash and kind seized from these houses and offices of each person referred to in part (d) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Income Tax Department conducted 5420 searches during the period 1-1-1985 to 30-9-1985 and seized prima facie unexplained assets worth Rs. 2910.78 lakhs. The seized assets consist of cash, jewellery, shares, FDRs, N.S.Cs. etc.

(d) and (e) No searches were conducted by the Income Tax Department during the above mentioned period in the cases of persons belonging to the 20 largest MRTP houses ranked according to their assets for the period ending in the year 1983.

Bargaining agent by Secret Ballot

1055. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to decide the collective bargaining agent through plant level election by secret ballot;

(b) if so, the details of the same;

(c) whether Government have any alternative proposals to determine the said agent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (d) The Sanat Mehta Committee set up by National Labour Conference has made certain recommendations in regard to the selection of collective bargaining agent. The relevant extracts from the report of the Sanat Mehta Committee is given in the statement. Final decision on these recommendations has not yet been taken.

Statement

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGENT

Statutory provision may be made for having a collective bargaining agent at the unit/industry level and the question as to who would be the agent would be decided by the check-off system. The check-off system would operate on the basis of a written authorisation which would be valid for a period of three years given by every employee to